

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 LAGOS 08119 012149Z
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 CAB-02 CIAE-00 COME-00
DODE-00 DOTE-00 EB-08 INR-10 NSAE-00 FAA-00 L-03
INRE-00 NSCE-00 SS-15 /049 W
-----003776 012151Z /75
O 012110Z JUL 78 ZFF-4
FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 9242

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LAGOS 8119

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAIR, NI
SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF PAN AMERICAN FOURTH FREQUENCY

REF: (A) STATE 166464, (B) LAGOS 8677

1. ECON COUNSELOR AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICER MET WITH PERMSEC OF CIVIL AVIATION EHIMZUELEM AND PRINCIPAL SECRETARY ADEGBENRO ON BOTH FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS JUNE 20 AND JULY 1. ALL POINTS OF U.S. POSITION AGAIN FORCEFULLY PRESENTED AND GIST OF REMZELS TRANSMITTED.
2. AFTER REREADING OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON SATURDAY, PERMSEC "REGRETFULLY" STATED THAT HE AND ADEGBENRO COULD FIND NO BASIS FOR PAN AM'S AND USG'S INTERPRETATIONS ADVOCATING FOURTH FREQUENCY. HE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT THE MINISTRY HAD OPPOSED A FOURTH FREQUENCY FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS AND LOGICALLY WOULD NOT HAVE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT THAT AUTHORIZED SUCH A FREQUENCY AS SOON AS THE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO FORCE. PERMSEC WENT ON TO WARN THAT ATTEMPTED PAN AM FLIGHT ARRIVAL ON JULY 4 WOULD ONLY RESULT KN "AN INCIDENT" THAT WE SHOULD ALL WISH TO AVOID.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 LAGOS 08119 012149Z

3. NOT BACKING OFF ON ISSUE, WE REQUESTED MEETING ASAP TO RESOLVE IMPASSE. FMG LEGAL ADVISORS, NIGERIAN PARTICIPANTS IN OCTOBER'S AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS, AND MINISTRY'S TOP OFFICIALS ARE TO ATTEND. MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON JULY 3 AT 1100 HOURS LOCAL TIME. WE HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO ENSURE ATTENDANCE OF DR. AJALA, THE MINISTRY'S LAWYER DURING THE

TALKS IN OCTOBER, AS WE BELIEVE HIS VIEWS SUPPORT
OURS. (AJALA HAD SINCE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO MIN.
JUSTICE, BUT SHOULD RETURN FOR JULY 3 SESSION.)

4. FACED WITH FLIGHT ARRIVAL DEADLINE NOW HOURS
AWAY, WE STRONGLY URGE THAT PAN AM NOT AUTHORIZE
FLIGHT TO PROCEED BEYOND ABIDJAN ON JULY 4. WE
CONTINUE TO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH RESIDENT PAN AM
MANAGER DENAZARIO. HE IS RADIOING TO PAN AM NEWYORK
HEADQUARTERS TONIGHT WITH SUMMARY OF OUR VIEWS
AND RECOMMENDATION THAT FLIGHT BE POSTPONED
UNTIL LATER DATE.
EASUM

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CIVIL AVIATION, AVIATION AGREEMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 01 jul 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978LAGOS08119
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780272-1014
Format: TEL
From: LAGOS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t197807103/aaaadipw.tel
Line Count: 75
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: df65566b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 166464, 78 LAGOS 8677
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1854563
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: POSTPONEMENT OF PAN AMERICAN FOURTH FREVIENCY
TAGS: EAIR, NI, PANAM
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/df65566b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014